

ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY COMMISSION

City of Columbia & County of Boone
Daniel Boone Building, Third Floor Conference Room

Minutes of Tuesday, December 22, 2009

Present: Barbara Buffaloe, David Brodsky, Tom O'Connor, Michael Merkle, Jean Sax, Bob Walters, Dick Parker

Absent: Alyce Turner, Dan Goldstein, Lawrence Lile

Guests: Melissa Giboney (Water & Light)

City Staff: Stephanie Brown (Water & Light liaison)

AGENDA

The agenda was approved with minor changes.

MINUTES

The November, 2009 minutes were unanimously approved.

SUSTAINABILITY DIRECTOR JOB SEARCH

Bob Walters solicited questions to pose to the City's Sustainability Director when candidates are interviewed in January. Since EEC Chair, Barbara Buffaloe, is a candidate for this position, she excused herself during the ensuing discussion. Walters stated questions posed would be forwarded to the City Manager's office for consideration on the date of the interviews.

LEED NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT

The EEC wishes to research Neighborhood Development standards as developed by the United States Green Building Council (USGBC). It was reported that Public Works Director, John Glascock, was interested in such criteria. Jean Sax agreed to head up the EEC's initial research into the criteria and would provide a more in-depth report at the Commission's January meeting.

BUILDING CODES UPDATE

Commissioner Lawrence Lile was absent from the December meeting. EEC members would seek an update from him at the January meeting regarding context on the letter, and any response, to the City Council regarding the EEC's thoughts on revisions to the International Energy Code and its implementation in Columbia.

CLIMATE ACTION MAP

Barbara Buffaloe briefed the Commission on a 'capstone' course project by students of the UMC Department of Geography. An internet, Google-style push pin map will be created by the students illustrating the City's sustainability initiatives. Such measures as the City's methane recovery program at its land fill is one example that would be 'pinned' to the map.

Students are expected to coordinate the map work through the City Manager's office. Efforts to quantify map-worthy projects will be fleshed out in the near future.

Announcements, Comments, Etcetera

- City Planning and Zoning liaison to the EEC, David Brodsky, briefed the Commission on issues the City Council is reviewing in regard to Land Disturbance and Steep Slope development. The City Council agenda from December 21, 2009 included a report on this. He promised to update the EEC at its January meeting.
- Earth Day plans will/should be discussed at the January EEC meeting.
- Mike Merkle will provide an overview of the State of Missouri's anticipated energy policies or legislation at the January EEC meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.